

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending. Claims 1-31 were rejected. Independent claims 1, 18, 23, 30, and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by McGraw (USP 5,577,042) in view of Grant (USP 6,553,566).

The independent claims of the present invention were rejected using McGraw and Grant. McGraw describes a method for broadcasting signals in a variety of different formats (Abstract). "A communication system includes an information signal source for providing information signals in at least one signal format such as video, audio, data or voice. Multiple signal processing lines for receiving and carrying information signals having multiple formats. A selection and transmission subsystem that is connected to a network subsystem for receiving information signals from the signal source and selectively routing the information signals to the appropriate processing line or lines as directed by information contained in the information signals" (Column 2, Lines 36-42).

Grant describes a chip for editing content for output on a television. The chip performs the following functions: a. scrambles selected frames of video content prior to display on the screen of a target device (i.e., television, monitor, etc.) which are deemed to contain objectionable material (frontal nudity, explicit depictions of sex acts, extreme violence and drug use); b. converts speech to text and mutes words, word combinations and phrases which are deemed to be objectionable; c. deletes words, word combinations and phrases contained in the closed-captioned text strip which accompanies most video programming; and d. stores compressed video packets for display in "picture-in-picture" windows on the screen of a target device. The invention performs these functions as instructed by each individual viewer via a hand held infra-red remote control unit" (Column 1, Lines 38-51).

The Applicants acknowledge that McGraw does not describe embedding first compressed video data having a first compressed format in a transmission bitstream having a second compressed format. The Examiner, however, argues that Grant describes embedding first compressed video data having a first compressed format in a transmission bitstream having a second compressed format. Therefore, the Examiner argues, it would be obvious to perform the embedding in a network device.

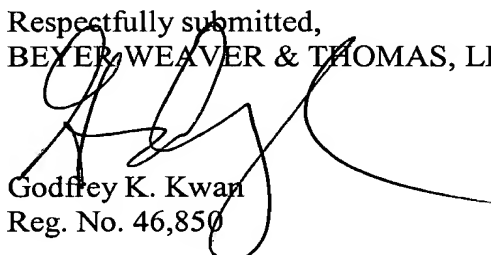
The Applicants respectfully disagree. Grant does not teach or suggest embedding first compressed video data having a first compressed format in a transmission bitstream having a second compressed format. Grant only describes a single compressed format for video data, the compressed video packet (CVP) embedded in video programming signals (Column 4, Lines 1-2). A second compressed format is not described. The independent claims 1, 18, 23, 30, and 31 recite a first compressed format and a second compressed format.

Furthermore, Grant not only describes a single form of compression, Grant also only describes a single format. Grant only describes a "broadcast and production standard." "The broadcast and production standard which governs the format of video signal information defines individual frames which each contain video, audio and related analog or digital waveform components (Column 4, Lines 16-20)." Grant describes only a single standard, not multiple standards or formats recited in the claims of the present application. Consequently, even if McGraw and Grant are combined, the combination still does not teach or suggest all of the recited elements in the claims.

In light of the above remarks relating to independent claims 1, 18, 23, 30, and 31, the remaining dependent claims are believed allowable for at least the reasons noted above.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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